Abstract of the Disclosure

The invention relates to a fire-protection coating which forms an insulating layer and is based on substances which, in the event of a fire, form a foam layer and form carbon, on film-forming binders, on blowing agents, and on conventional auxiliaries and additives, which comprises a phosphinic salt of the formula (I) and/or a diphosphinic salt of the formula (II), and/or their polymers,

$$\begin{bmatrix}
O & O & O & O \\
O - P - R & 3 & P - O \\
I & I & R & 2
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_{x}^{m} + (II)$$

where

- R¹, R² are identical or different and are C₁-C₆-alkyl, linear or branched and/or aryl;
- R^3 is C_1 - C_{10} -alkylene, linear or branched, C_6 - C_{10} -arylene, -alkylarylene, or -arylalkylene;
- M is Mg, Ca, Al, Sb, Sn, Ge, Ti, Zn, Fe, Zr, Ce, Bi, Sr, Mn, Li, Na, K, and/or a protonated nitrogen base;
- m is from 1 to 4;
- n is from 1 to 4;
- x is from 1 to 4.